

SOUL SANCTUARY OF THE
DESERT 10TH ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Soul Sanctuary of the Desert and the Heart and Soul Luncheon. This month, the Sanctuary is celebrating ten years of helping at-risk families in the community break the cycle of substance abuse and domestic violence. The dedicated volunteers and sponsors who make rehabilitation possible will be honored at the Luncheon. I commend the Soul Sanctuary of the Desert and all those who have participated in this important work in the last ten years.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
NICK JOE RAHALL

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of our distinguished colleague from West Virginia, the Honorable NICK JOE RAHALL.

NICK, the current Ranking Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and former Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, was first elected to Congress in 1976.

Born in West Virginia, Nick tirelessly worked to improve the lives of his constituents and remained firmly committed to the economic development of his state.

His dedication to our country's transportation and infrastructure systems led him to be a key architect of many transportation reauthorizations, including the Transportation equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21).

Having served in this body since 1977, Nick understands the value of bipartisanship and being able to work with all members, regardless of their party. As such, Nick never let a party label stand in the way of good policy.

Nick's friendship and professionalism will be greatly missed and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. SAMUEL O.
OSUNDE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Samuel Osunde, who is a remarkable Leader, Director and Public Servant.

Dr. Samuel Osunde received his Ph.D. in Mass Communication from Howard University in Washington D.C. Dr. Osunde has more than 28 years of professional, academic and administrative experience. From 1986 to 1989 he served as the Special Assistant to the President for special projects at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

While in Baton Rouge, Louisiana Dr. Osunde served as the Creative Director/Senior Copywriter for Partnership Advertising and Ampoule Advertising Companies. He has produced numerous copywriting for advertisements, publicity packets for release to television, radio, and newspapers, has created visualized concepts for product advertising and serves as advertising consultant to mass media companies throughout the United States, Europe and Africa.

Dr. Osunde's research interests include "The Role of Mass Media in Perception Influence," "Media Effects Theory," "Intercultural/International Communication" and "Mass Communication Development". His professional memberships include: Mississippi Communication Association, National Communication Association, Speech Communication Association and the American Communication Association.

Dr. Osunde is the recipient of many academic and professional awards that include, President's Scholar, Chancellor's Scholar Teaching Fellow and the Certificate of Commendation for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an Outstanding Professor, Leader and Extraordinaire, Dr. Samuel O. Osunde, for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HORACE E.
STACY, JR.

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Horace E. Stacy, Jr., of Lumberton, North Carolina, for his commitment and service to his community, state, and nation. Mr. Stacy is a veteran, public servant, community leader, honorable attorney, devoted family man, and he has been both a mentor to me and a dear friend to my family. I ask you to join me in recognizing his long and honorable career.

As Helen Sharpe and Bob Horne note in their article in *The Robesonian*, Horace was born to Horace and Lillian Stacy in my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, on September 14, 1929. Horace attended Lumberton High School where he started at offensive and defensive left guard on the football team. After graduation from Lumberton High in 1946, Horace began college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He graduated in 1950 with an English degree after being inducted into the Order of the Golden Fleece, UNC's most selective honor society.

Horace went on to begin law school at UNC shortly after the Korean War started and after only one semester enlisted in the U.S. Air Force to serve his country. He attended the Air Force language school at Syracuse University for one year, where he learned to read, write, and speak Russian. While stationed in Germany during the Cold War he was a member of a security squadron monitoring Russian aircraft.

Horace returned to law school at UNC in 1954 and graduated in 1956. He was on the

staff of The North Carolina Law Review and President of Phi Alpha Delta, a law school service and social fraternity. During his final year of law school he met Miss Joan Purser, whom he would go on to marry in 1957.

Horace joined McLean & Stacy law firm, where I would later practice early in my own legal career under his kind and knowledgeable mentorship. A brilliant jurist, Horace became a prominent attorney in general practice, both criminal and civil. He also became a distinguished civic leader. In 1964, the Mayor and Lumberton City Council appointed him to chair the first Tri-Racial Committee to help prepare for the pending enactment of the Civil Rights Act.

Notably, Horace has been an effective advocate for our state and local libraries. He served as President of Friends of the Robeson County Public Library, has been a library trustee since 1998 and was honored as the Public Library Trustee of the Year in our state in 2010. In 2004, North Carolina Governor Mike Easley appointed Horace to be a member of the State Library Commission of North Carolina, which he would chair for two years. The State Library is the main depository for North Carolina state publications and provides state government agencies with information critical to the formation of public policy.

Horace served as President of the Robeson County Bar Association in 1970. He was a member of the state Board of Law Examiners for 23 years and Chairman for five years. He served on numerous committees of the North Carolina Bar Association and in 2002 was inducted into the General Practice Hall of Fame. Ever a Tar Heel at heart, Horace also served as District Chairman of the Morehead Scholarship Selection Committee.

Driven by love for his community and its people, Horace served as President of the Lumberton Jaycees in 1964 and 1965, and also chaired the Southeastern Regional Medical Center Foundation from 1998 to 2000. In 2005, he was instrumental in the founding of the Robeson County Community Foundation, which raises money and awards grants to nonprofit organizations. Horace's tireless service to his community through these and other leadership roles has resulted in his being revered as "the Dean of Lumberton." Appropriately, he was selected to speak on behalf of Lumberton when the city won the All-America City Award in 1970.

A true brother in Christ, Horace has held several offices in Trinity Episcopal Church and served as chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina from 1970 to 1980.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the service, goodness, humility, and character that defines Horace E. Stacy, Jr. His life has created a legacy of civic service that will benefit the citizens of Robeson County and North Carolina for years to come. His personal mentorship and friendship has been a blessing to my family and me, but we are not alone. Horace Stacy gives of himself freely and inspires goodness in all who know him. May God bestow His richest blessings upon Horace and Joan Stacy, their three children, Robin, Jody and Mark, and their six grandsons.